

Success Story:

Greg Terry



Last year, 364,000 vehicles visited the Rest Area at Exit 129 on Interstate 40. Vehicles that visited during the hours of 9 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday benefited from the hard work of employee Greg Terry. Terry, a Jackson resident, is in Easter Seals' Supported Employment Program, the purpose of which is to help people develop and maintain competitive work in their communities.

Working 40 hours each week, Terry has gone above and beyond the norm for Supported Employment and enjoys every minute of it! According to Terry, his favorite part of working at the Rest Area is keeping the sinks in tip-top shape! He even refers to this task as his "specialty." Even better than keeping the restrooms spotless is having extra spending money to take his girlfriend, Valerie, out to dinner on the weekends!

In addition to participating in Easter Seals' Supported Employment Program, Terry is also in their Supported Living Program. As part of this program, Terry lives with two other housemates in a home of their choosing, and receives minimal assistance from staff to lead a productive and independent home life. His work at the Rest Area has also contributed significantly to his independence and productivity. If he weren't at the Rest Area, Terry would be doing piece work at the Lexington Day Center.

His work at the Rest Area has given him a greater sense of purpose, however, because it allows him to play a greater role in the community at large. Easter Seals Tennessee and DIDD are thrilled to see all of the success that Greg Terry has experienced through their programs and hope his achievements will continue into the future!